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Your recent letter, signed jointly with [redacted] to the President has been referred to this Agency for reply.

We employ young men and women who desire careers in intelligence work but we would not describe them as "spies" in the adventuresome or the literary sense. Our mission is to advise the National Security Council on matters concerning foreign activities in political, economic, scientific, and military fields, to correlate and evaluate information, and to perform such other functions as may be directed.

The young people who work with us may be qualified in various occupational fields; we need the services of clerks, secretaries, and technicians as well as of scientists, economists, linguists and other professionals. We do not recommend specific courses of study both because our needs are varied and because it is difficult to predict several years in advance what our specific openings might be. However, if you wish to seek employment with us in Washington upon graduation from high school, typing and shorthand are desirable skills to acquire. If you intend to go on to college, you might be best guided by your own interests regarding specific courses of study; whatever your field of specialization, study of a foreign language is desirable as an additional qualification.

We appreciate your inquiry and shall be glad to hear further from you when you become available for employment.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

G. M. Stewart
Director of Personnel

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